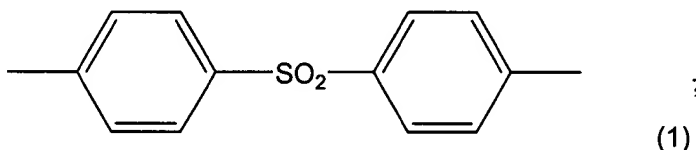


## B. Amendment to the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

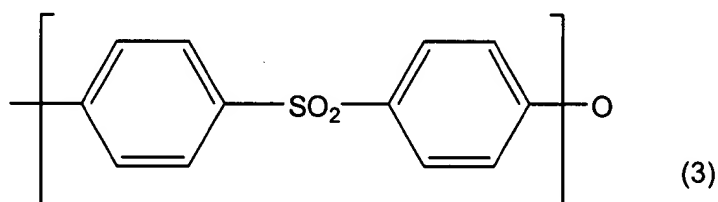
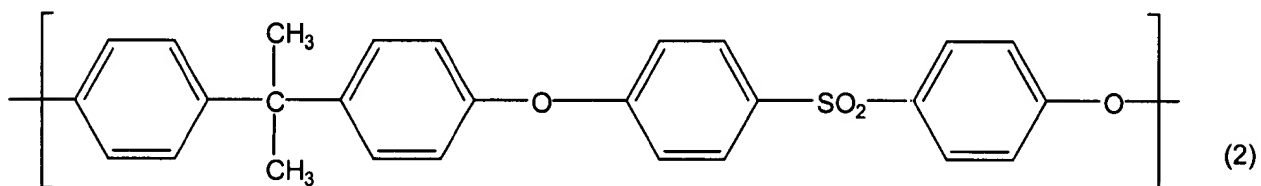
1: (Currently Amended) An endless belt for use in an electrophotographic apparatus, to which a toner image on a photosensitive member of the electrophotographic apparatus is transferred by applying a first transfer bias and from which the toner image is transferred to an image-receiving material by applying a second transfer bias, the belt having a single-layer structure, having a resistance of  $1 \times 10^0$  to  $1 \times 10^{14} \Omega$  and comprising a conductive agent and a thermoplastic resin,

wherein the thermoplastic resin has having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by the following Formula (1) ~~and having a resistance of  $1 \times 10^0$  to  $1 \times 10^{14} \Omega$ :~~



~~wherein the belt is obtained by a process comprising the steps of: providing an extrusion material having a breaking extension of 2% or more and a tensile breaking strength of 40MPa or more, the extrusion material comprising the thermoplastic resin; extruding the extrusion material in a molten state through a circular die having an external diameter and a slit-width; and subjecting the extruded resin to a scale-up inflation by air blowing or drawing the extruded resin by applying tension and forming a seamless belt having a thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit-width of the circular die and an external diameter from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the circular die.~~

2. (Previously Presented) An endless belt according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure is a thermoplastic resin having a structural unit represented by the following Formula (2) or (3)



3. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a thickness of from 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a thickness not larger than 1/5 of the slit width of the circular die used.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a surface-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said surface-direction resistance.

11. (Previously Presented) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a thickness-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said thickness-direction resistance.

12. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which is an intermediate transfer belt.

13. (Original) An endless belt according to claim 1, which is a transfer material carrying belt.

14-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus for electrophotography comprising:

a photosensitive member;

an endless belt according to claim 1; and

means for transferring a toner image formed on the photosensitive member to the endless belt under an application of a first transfer bias; and

means for transferring the toner image from the endless belt to an image-receiving material under an application of a second transfer bias.

31. (New) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a thickness not larger than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the slit-width of the circular die used.

32. (New) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has an external diameter from 50% to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used.

33. (New) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has an external diameter of more than 100% and 400% or less than the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used.

34. (New) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has an external diameter from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used.